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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: "NONLETHAL" ASSISTANCE TO RWANDAN ARMY

- 1. AWARE OF MY DEPARTURE TODAY ON CONSULTATION, PRESIDENCY SECGEN LTC BUREGEYA CALLED ME IN "AT PRESIDENT'S REQUEST" TO SAY HABYARIMANA EARNESTLY HOPED I WOULD PRESS FOR ASSISTANCE TO RWANDAN ARMED FORCES WHILE IN WASHINGTON. SAID HE RECOGNIZED THAT NEW ADMINISTRATION AND I MYSELF WERE LESS THAN KEEN ON ARMS TRANSFERS TO RWANDA, BUT HOPED WE WOULD SERIOUSLY CONSIDER "NONLETHAL" ASSISTANCE TO ASSIST ARMY IN CARRYING OUT ITS SOCIAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL ROLES. HE CITED IN PARTICULAR NEED FOR TRUCKS, MEDICINES, AND FOODSTUFFS.
- 2. BUREGEYA ADDED THAT UNDER PRESIDENTIAL ORDERS DEFMIN WAS RUSHING TO PREPARE FORMAL REQUEST FOR SPECIFIC ITEMS OF THIS SORT, BUT LIST WOULD NOT BE READY BEFORE MY DEPARTURE. I SUGGESTED HE PRESENT LIST TO CHARGE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, WHO WOULD FORWARD IT TO ME IN CARE OF AF/C. CONFIDENTIAL

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3. I WARNED BUREGEYA ONCE AGAIN I WAS NOT OPTIMISTIC ABOUT GETTING RWANDA ONTO LIST OF COUNTRIES ELIGIBLE FOR U.S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE, EVEN OF THE "NONLETHAL" SORT HE DESCRIBED. BUT I PROMISED HIM I WOULD EXPLORE EVERY AVENUE WHILE IN WASHINGTON.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: DESK MAY WANT TO GIVE THIS ANGLE SOME STUDY IN ADVANCE OF MY ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON. CRIGLER

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